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The story of the Jewish people is one of the saddest chapters in the history of mankind. For two thousand years, to the shame and disgrace of the Gentile world, their sufferings have justly entitled them to be regarded as a martyr people. Denied a nation of their own, scattered over the earth and dwelling unwelcome in the lands of strangers, their hearts now encouraged, now depressed by the exile's dream of home, they have borne every insult, endured every calumny, experienced every outrage; while myriads have died by violence at the hands of assassins in massacres that have shamed the heavens—victims always of that religious and racial intolerance that has ever expressed itself in "man's inhumanity to man."

If there is anything to be said in extenuation of this long continued cruelty, it is that, until recently, the world was ignorant and superstí-

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tious, and that those who persecuted the Jews were themselves, in many ways, the victims of oppression.

But this is the twentieth century. Knowledge is more widespread to-day than it ever was in the past. Never before has mankind thought so consistently along practical lines, the ghosts of yesterday having largely vanished with their worshippers. Popular liberty is now the boast of every enlightened nation. The world of our time is crowned with a civilization whose intellectual, moral and physical achievements far surpass the most brilliant civilization of old.

Still the persecution of the Jewish people persists. And one of the most regrettable things of the hour is the fact that an American of immense wealth is using his vast fortune as a means, not alone to evoke the vicious spirit of race hatred against the Jews of this country, but also to fan the dying flames of that evil spirit in the old world. Henry Ford, the most talked-of millionaire in America, is the owner and proprietor of *The Dearborn Independent,* a paper, which, for nearly two years, has been waging a virulent campaign against the Jews; and therefore, upon Mr. Ford must rest the responsibility of this lamentable, society-disturbing attack upon a worthy section of our citizens.

Against Mr. Ford personally, I urge no objection. I understand that he is one of the kindliest, one of the most generous of men—an idealist, a thoroughly well-meaning man. I therefore accept the view of some who know him intimately that in his evil attitude towards the Jewish people he is the victim of a grave delusion. Mr. Ford, be it understood, is not, in any large cultural sense of the term, an educated man. He has no extensive knowledge of either history, or philosophy, or economics, or sociology. Hence, we may charitably suppose that he is unable to properly appreciate how irrational and mischievous is his anti-Jewish propaganda; and we may regard him as the dupe and tool of interests whose hands he cannot see.

To expose the nature of these interests is to sound the bottom of Mr. Ford's campaign. Upon what, then, is this tragedy of Jew-baiting based? The anti-Jewish articles which have appeared in *The Dearborn Independent* since May 22, 1920—articles which, so far, have been republished and widely circulated in three volumes—are founded upon certain mysterious documents, which are alleged to be the "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion." Our first inquiry must therefore be an inquiry into the origin and character of these alleged Protocols. Whence came these documents?

In 1849, Herman Goedsche, having been con-

victed of infamous implication in the Waldeck forgery case, was dismissed from the German postal service. Devoting himself thereafter to literature, Goedsche published, between 1866 and 1870, a special series of sensational novels. These novels were strongly colored with anti-Semitism, which is, in plain language, hatred of the Jews; and in order to enhance their influence among the German people, Goedsche hid his identity behind the pseudonym, "Sir John Retcliffe." In this way, the anti-Jewish venom of a disgraced forger was made to appear the product of an English literary knight.

In 1872, a chapter from one of these novels—a novel entitled, "To Sedan"—was published as a separate booklet in St. Petersburg. This small volume, a copy of which is now in the Russian Department of the Library of Congress, at Washington, D. C., bore the following title: "The Jewish Cemetery in Prague, and the Council of Representatives of the Twelve Tribes of Israel." The work was avowedly a work of fiction, and the Russian author of the Foreword which accompanied it referred to it as the product of "fantastic imagination."

This piece of fiction, out of which, as every rational literary critic must conclude, the so-called Protocols have been manufactured, is a blood

curdling account of a secret meeting of the representatives of the twelve tribes of Israel—the Jewish Sanhedrim—among the tombstones in the Jewish Cemetery at Prague, Bohemia. At this sacred conclave, which was held in the still hours of the night, and at which the Devil himself was present in person, the leaders of the Jews, speaking one after another, submitted and ratified, with the approval of the Devil, plans for the overthrow of Gentile civilization and the complete Jewish conquest of the world. So much for the original fiction.

The next step was to give this fiction the appearance of history. Accordingly, Goedsche, the anti-Semitic forger, emboldened by the success of his first cruel sally against the Jews, some years after the appearance of his novel, re-wrote the dialogue which he had put into the mouths of the mythical leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel, into one continuous speech, which he placed upon the lips of an imaginary Rabbi, who was represented as having delivered it to a secret gathering of Jews.

This invented speech was published at Odessa in 1891, and republished at St. Petersburg in 1904. A copy of this malicious, forged speech, in the Russian language, may be seen in the Congressional Library at Washington.

Another step will bring us to the alleged Protocols. In 1903, a book which has provoked widespread discussion, was published at Solotarevo, in Russia. It was entitled "The Great in Little," and its reputed author was Sergius Nilus, a Russian mystic. A second, greatly enlarged edition of the work was published at Tsarskoye-Selo, near Moscow, in 1905. This second edition contained twenty-four documents purporting to be portions of a Jewish program of world conquest, which were described as "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion."

But who is Sergius Nilus, the Russian mystic, who first gave to the world the terrible documents which attribute to the Jewish people so nefarious a purpose? So far as can be discovered, nobody knows. His identity has never been disclosed. Every effort that has been made to discover him has proved unsuccessful. And how did this unknown, undiscoverable, Jew-hating "mystic" come into possession of the alleged Protocols? As to this very important matter the concealed writer has given several different accounts, each one of which is in hopeless disagreement with all the others.

First, in 1905, he said he had received them from a prominent Russian, who had received them from a woman, who had stolen them from "one

of the most influential leaders of Freemasonry, at the close of a secret meeting of the initiated in France." But neither the prominent Russian, nor the thieving woman, nor the influential Freemason, was named.

Secondly, several years later, he wrote that his friend himself had stolen the papers from "the headquarters of the Society of Zion in France." In this explanation, the woman disappears, and Freemasonry is transformed into Zionism.

Thirdly, time passed, and in a new edition of his book he declared that the Protocols came from Switzerland, and named Nicholaievich Sukhotin, a Jew-hating, despotic Russian official, who was then dead, as the man from whom he had received the incriminating documents. France, you will observe, was now in Switzerland, and the vicious libeller of a people was hiding his criminal identity in the grave!

Then came the 1917 edition of the book, and with it another explanation as to how the Protocols first found their way into Nilus' hands. Fourthly, this explanation is to the effect that the Protocols were read from day to day at the Zionist Congress in Basle, in 1897; that thereafter they were sent to Frankfort-on-the-Main; and that their contents were divulged through the unfaithfulness of the

messenger.* Never has a perjurer more completely exposed his criminality in bungling, contradictory explanations!

Now mark the pedigree of these Protocols. First, an anti-Semitic fiction by a German novelist, who had been dismissed from the service of the German Government for forgery; then a forged speech by this forger; then an anonymous book by a Jew-hating Russian; then a series of lying explanations made in a cynical endeavor to explain the unreal. Fiction, forgery, anonymity, falsehood—upon these pillars rests the absurd and infamous charge that the Jewish people are planning the overthrow of the entire fabric of civilization.

During the past few years, these slanderous documents have been published under various titles in Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, Japan, England and the United States; and upon them has been reared an anti-Jewish propaganda of alarming international proportions. In England, where for centuries anti-Semitism has been practically unknown, where a Jew, Disraeli, was raised to the high and honored office of Prime Minister—in England, the Protocols, published under the name of "The Jewish Peril," have

*See *The History of a Lie*, by Herman Bernstein.

given rise to a series of burning articles in the *London Morning Post.* Some of these articles have been reprinted in book form, under the suggestive title, "The Cause of World Unrest." And in England to-day there are several powerful and well-financed organizations devoted to the fell purpose of creating and spreading bitter feeling against the Jews.

In Germany, the flames of anti-Semitism have, since the war, broken out in numerous places. There have been demands that the Jews be excluded from the universities; that they be eliminated from the economic life of the nation; that they be expelled from the country and their property confiscated. There have been deportations of Jews; and Jews have been attacked by mobs, at whose hands they have, in many instances, suffered violence.

In Russia and Poland, the influence of the Protocols has rather increased than lessened, the old time animosity against the Jews; and the massacres to which Jewish men, women and children have recently been subjected in both those countries are still tragically vivid in our minds.

In this country the libellous Protocols have been made to justify the vicious campaign of Jew-baiting that has been carried on for nearly two years by *The Dearborn Independent.*

We have seen that it is impossible to tell from external evidence where or with whom the Protocols has rather increased than lessened the old tremendous importance where the honor of a race is outrageously impugned. Let me now call your attention to another singular and significant fact. Every editor of the Protocols, no matter where they have been published, has hidden behind anonymity. Likewise, the articles which have appeared in the *London Morning Post* are anonymous. So, too, the sinister articles published from week to week in *The Dearborn Independent* are anonymous. A mighty international crusade against the integrity—yea, against the very sanity—of a people to whom civilization owes an incalculable debt, is being carried on by cowardly wretches who dare not give their names to the world. The assassin who shot down President McKinley approached his unsuspecting victim with his gun concealed in a handkerchief; and the anti-Jewish writers who would assassinate the good name of a worthy people mask their personal responsibility behind the impenetrable veil of anonymity. The attacks of these intellectual gunmen, these fomenters of race hatred, are signed by that very impersonal gentleman—"Mr. Nobody!"

The Protocols charge that the Jews and the

Freemasons are assiduously engaged in the work of compassing the downfall of civilization, in order to arrogate to themselves the complete domination of a re-fashioned world. To this end, the press must be poisoned; all respect for civil and religious authority must be destroyed; revolutionary movements of every kind must be fostered; wars must be fomented; antagonisms between capital and labor must be encouraged; the people must be blinded and deceived with false political and economic theories; bribery and blackmail must be employed to corrupt and discredit statesmen and other responsible public servants—in a word, the whole intellectual, political, religious, economic and social life of society must be undermined and dislocated to that degree that the world, tottering over the abyss of ruin and realizing its dire helplessness, will have to call upon Jewish organizing genius and Jewish financiers to give the nations a sound Jewish regime—a regime in which a descendant of King David will sit upon the world's throne and in which Judaism will be the only religion of mankind.

A program so cynical in its total disregard of every principle of right, so utterly impossible of achievement, so audaciously and magnificently absurd, was never before given to the world. In comparison with such a program, the vaporings

of religious fanaticism are as the obvious conclusions of philosophy. The scheme has the swoop and stroke of the dime novel, in which imagination's grotesque shapes, divorced from the prosaic realities of life, thrill the swift emotions of callow youth. As an irresponsible satire on ambition, cruel and defamatory as it is, it might merit a passing thought; but as a program to be seriously considered, as the statement of an actual menace to the organized life of the world, it is a scheme as thoroughly insane as the most disordered vision any drooling idiot ever dreamed.

Indeed, so wildly absurd are the plans the Protocols attribute to the Jews and Freemasons that even Mr. Gwynne, the Editor of the *London Morning Post,* concedes that he seriously doubts their genuineness. Then, why, on the strength of these documents whose genuineness he gravely questions, should he have opened the columns of his paper to a long series of attacks upon the Jewish people? Nor has Mr. Ford's writer any assurance that the Protocols are authentic. For the purpose of his propaganda, he accepts them at their face value, and yet, over and over again in *The Dearborn Independent's* accusations, the note of uncertainty is sounded. Consider, for example, the tone of misgiving in the following passage from page 91, of "The International Jew":

"If there is no deliberate combination of Jews in the world, then the control which they have achieved and the uniformity of the policies which they follow must be the simple result, not of deliberate decisions, but of a similar nature in all of them working out the same way."

In other words, if the Jews are not all conspirators, scheming to bring about universal chaos, then as a people they possess a high average of aptitude for success in the activities in which they severally engage. There being no evidence whatever favoring the former view and much in support of the latter, common sense counsels, not that we attribute to these people a criminal intent, but that we credit them with their full share of business acumen.

But if the Jews are not planning to conquer the world, what shall we regard as the source and purpose of the libellous Protocols? The answer to this question is found in the circumstantial evidence which points to an entirely sound conclusion. The Protocols were first published in 1905, the year of a popular revolution in Russia. In that year, be it remembered, the Russian bureaucracy made every effort to crush the Jews and at the same time sought to prevent the liberalization of the government. An examination of the Protocols reveals the glaring fact that they were

written to bolster up an assailed autocracy. There is every reason to believe that they originated with the Russian secret police or the Czar's Black Hundreds—the relentless enemies of every sentiment of democratic freedom, the destroyers of those who yearned to bring to their country the beneficent light of progress—and that their purpose was to discredit in advance all progressive movements, while making the Jews responsible for the unrest which sought redress from a crushing bureaucratic tyranny. There was something in the heart of the Jew that could not be stamped out even by Czarism. In every movement that made for liberty—that glorious ideal that has ever lured the noblest on—the Jews were always well represented. And even Mr. Ford has to admit that in spite of pressing restrictions, "their genius has enabled them to attain a degree of power which has completely baffled the Russian mind." The Russian Government's agents must therefore bring opprobrium upon the Jews. This could be accomplished by a simple device. It could be made to appear that they were the enemies of all established order, and that, to win power for themselves, they sought the overthrow of governments everywhere.

The Protocols themselves clearly support this view, for their contents plainly show that they

were written in the interest of autocracy. They condemn political freedom; they violently attack liberal policies in government; they uphold special privilege and autocracy; they disparage education; they condemn religious liberty; they denounce the French Revolution—the greatest liberalizing movement of the modern world—and heap contempt upon its great soul-stirring dogmas of liberty, equality and fraternity. To say that the Jews, a people who have suffered every persecution at the hands of autocratic governments, a people who prize liberty, education and enlightened ideals as highly as any other people in the world—to say that these people could be in favor of autocracy and opposed to liberty, education and forward-looking policies and ideals, is to insult, not only every Jew, but also every Gentile who has even a suggestion of intelligence.

It is worthy of note, too, that a passage which appeared in the original Russian edition of the Protocols, and which identified the English people as a part of the Jewish race, and represented the British government as being in league with the Jews in the conspiracy to conquer the world, has been significantly omitted from every English and American translation. Had that passage appeared in the English speaking world it would have provoked a smile, in whose light nothing else

in the forged documents could have been taken seriously. No thoughtful person would have been impressed with the claim that the Angles, the Jutes, the Saxons, the Danes, the Normans and the others that now make up the English people are really Jews in disguise, or that England is at all interested in ruining herself by destroying the civilization of the world.

It is important to observe, moreover, that while the Protocols implicate the Freemasons in the Jewish scheme of world conquest, *The Dearborn Independent* levels its attacks against the Jews alone. In all that that paper has published on the subject there is no word against the Freemasons. It may be that the great manufacturer is himself a Mason, and if so, he perhaps is convinced that at least that part of the charge which makes the Masons a party to the alleged Jewish program is false.

The burden of Mr. Ford's complaint against the Jews is that they are sweeping altogether too much before them in the business world. Their very success staggers him. In telling us how dangerous these people are to civilization, he instances the following activities of which they have obtained control:

The theatrical business; the motion picture industry; the tobacco industry; fifty per cent or

more of the meat packing industry; upward of sixty per cent of the shoemaking industry; men's and women's ready made clothing; most of the musical purveying done in the country; jewelry; grain; more recently cotton; the Colorado smelting industry; magazine authorship; news distribution; the liquor business; the loan business.

But this is not so menacing as it is interesting. And how comes it that so many dignified and profitable lines of business are in the hands of our Jewish fellow citizens? Mr. Ford himself accommodates us with the answer—observe that I am crediting him with a knowledge of what his paper is saying. He says: "The Jews never regard work as a calamity, but neither do they regard subordinate positions as permanently theirs. Thus, they spend their energies in getting up and out, rather than in lamenting the inconveniences of the place where they are."

So that is the trouble with the Jew! He does not complain; he works! He uses his energies to climb! Could a Gentile father better advise his son than to urge him to emulate the Jew in this respect?

"The American people," says Mr. Ford, "would be vastly surprised if they could see a line-up of some of the 'American business men' who hold up our commercial prestige overseas.

They are mostly Jews. They have a keen sense of the value of the American name."

Well, why should they not prize the American name? Is not an American Jew as much an American as any other American?

Mr. Ford acknowledges that in any list of rich men, there are more Gentiles than Jews. He insists, nonetheless, that the Jews control the world's finances. And the wealthy Jew controls "because in a most marked degree he possesses the commercial and masterful genius of his race." Therefore Mr. Ford attacks the Jewish race generally, and rich Jews particularly, "because they are Jews."

Some of Mr. Ford's reasonings apropos of the Jews would be tantalizing, if they were not ludicrous. He informs us, for example, that industry and finance are now in a struggle for the mastery. For this, of course, the Jews are responsible. Do we ask him to substantiate his charge, the manufacturer who manufactures facts as well as "Fords," replies:

"To state this and to prove it may be nothing more than to establish the superiority of Jewish ability."

There you have it! The present industrial and financial crisis is the work of the Jews, because, forsooth, the Jews have brains! How luminous

and yet how simple! In truth, according to this new master of political economy, what we naively call economic laws are really nothing other than commercial ideas, dictated by Jews!

But the business methods of some Jews are objectionable—granted. So are the business methods of some Gentiles. Indeed, the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount have never been very enthusiastically echoed in either the industry or the commerce of the Christian world. The principle that "Business is business" has received more or less universal indorsement.

When Mr. Ford tells us that the Jews brought about Bolshevism in Russia, he is not convincing; especially since, of the seventeen members of the Council of the People's Commissars, the supreme authority in Bolshevism, only one, Trotsky, is a Jew. The largest and most powerful organization of Jewish Socialists in Russia and Poland, the "Bund," has from the very first consistently opposed the Bolshevist regime.* The Jews of Russia, as of other countries, are divided among the various political affiliations, and therefore to say that they are responsible for Bolshevism, under which they have suffered starvation, spoilation and even massacre, is a gross misrepresenta-

*See *The Jew and American Ideals*, by John Spargo.

tion of the facts. But in the fact that the Jews in Russia are divided in their party allegiance, Mr. Ford sees their ambition to "control every phase of political opinion in Russia." And he asks: "Doesn't there seem to be some ground for the feeling that they are desirous of ruling everywhere?" How can you answer an apologist who thus begs the whole question, and who holds that right or wrong, you are guilty anyway?

Mr. Ford holds the Jews responsible for the collapse of Germany which followed the war; for the economic distress and strained relations from which the whole world now suffers; for the numerous restrictions which are being imposed upon our personal freedom; for the fact that the play of American school children is being supervised by "trained leaders" in specially provided playgrounds; for the "sport clothes" which, he says, have had an injurious effect upon our young people; for having introduced gambling into horse-racing and baseball; for having lowered the standard of excellence in popular songs; and even for filling the air with the noise of jazz!

We may readily grant that in some of these contentions there is a measure of truth. That, for example, Jews have been known to gamble on horse races and baseball, may be acknowledged. At the same time, it should be borne in mind that

the gambling spirit is by no means confined to the Jews.

But the larger counts in Mr. Ford's indictment must be seriously challenged. On what are these counts based? They are based on the spurious Protocols. In scores of instances, the Protocols are quoted in support of charges that are obviously false. Let one citation suffice to illustrate Mr. Ford's mental aberration with regard to the Jews. He quotes with approval the Protocols which make the Jews say: "We deprived the masses of their belief in God. . . . . We have taken good care long ago to discredit the Gentile clergy."

Where and when have the Jews destroyed belief in God? Where and when have they discredited the Gentile clergy? The Jews, as a people, do not discuss religion with Gentiles. And how could a people, the overwhelming majority of whom are religious, devote themselves to the effort to destroy belief in Deity? Moreover, the scientific and philosophical literature which teaches that the universe is natural and that all religious systems are human institutions comes, for the most part, from Gentile writers. Furthermore, the overwhelming majority of the mighty men who have battled against the superstitions of the churches, in the name of humanity and reason,

have not been Jews, but Gentiles. Voltaire, Volney, Hume, Paine, Bradlaugh, Holyoake, Saladin, Ingersoll, whose writings have liberated millions, were not Jews, but Gentiles. It is therefore stupidly false to blame the Jews as a people for the progressive decline of religious belief in the civilized world.

Who are these Jewish people against whom Mr. Ford rails so irrationally, and what have they done for civilization? There are about 12,000,000 Jews in the world. About 6,000,000 are in Russia alone. Some 3,000,000 are in the United States. Those remaining are to be found in all the other countries of the earth. As a race, they are not rich. Half of them are, in fact, extremely poor; and instead of plotting the overthrow of civilization, are devoted to the very pressing need of making a living.

During the Middle Ages, the Jews were not permitted to own or even to lease land. The agricultural life was, therefore, denied them. They were compelled to live in cities, where, in order to gain a livelihood, they engaged in business pursuits. Therefore, whatever business genius they have as a people to-day, is largely the accumulated result of training through centuries of business experience.

The Jews have carried and promoted trade

around the globe, and wherever they have gone prosperity and civilization have thrived and blossomed in their train. The only prosperity Spain has ever known since she destroyed the civilization of the Saracens, was due to the Jews. When Spain expelled the Jews, in 1492, her commercial importance suddenly declined, and the vantage ground then lost has never been regained. The same decline of prosperity was experienced by Italy and Portugal when the Jews migrated from those countries northward. But with the appearance of the Jews in Holland, the prosperity of that little kingdom moved forward with mighty strides. And Germany and England, each in her measure, came by the same experience. The German cities that expelled the Jews, declined in importance. Hamburg and Frankfort received them and became thriving business centers. In France, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Rouen rose to conspicuous prosperity only after they had opened their doors to the Jews. In Odessa, to-day, where the Jews number forty-five per cent of the population, they transact ninety-five per cent of the trade. And when we come to America, we are told by Sir John Foster Fraser, in his splendid book on "The Isabella sold her jewels to make the expedition possible is a late fiction. And the astronomical charts and nautical instruments which guided

Conquering Jew," that "the astounding rise of the United States is largely due to the Jews." Everywhere history records the same phenomenon—the Jew is a builder of business, and business is life.

Mr. Ford admits that many of the world's advanced business ideas and efficient business practices owe their origin to the Jews. He tells us that they founded the Bank of England, the Bank of Amsterdam, the Bank of Hamburg; that to them is due the Stock Exchange, the promissory note, and the "quick turnover and small profits"—a business practice which, by the way, enabled Mr. Ford to pay the United States Government last year $76,000,000 in taxes.

It may be well enough to remember, too, that it was the Jews who discovered America. Columbus, on the side of his mother, Susanna Fonterossa, was of Jewish descent. It was a Jew, Louis de Santangel, who financed Columbus's voyage across the Atlantic—the pretty story that Queen Columbus on his way, had been made by Jews. The first white man to set foot on American soil was Luis de Torres, a Jew. And the first business men America knew were Spanish Jews.

In the Revolutionary War, the cause of independence was very materially served by many Jews, but by one particularly, Hyam Solomon,

who gave his entire fortune to the cause of freedom.

The department stores and nearly all the great financial enterprises of this country were started by Jews.

The Jews have given the world more men of ability in proportion to their numbers than have come from any other race. This is due to the fact that genius is more frequently found in the Jewish than in the Gentile mind. Denied political rights until a few generations ago, the Jews have, in England, in modern times, adorned the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the Privy Council. Disraeli, the Jewish Prime Minister of England, has been mentioned. Five of the Lord Mayors of London have been Jews.

Many able American Jews have served, and a score or more now serve, in the American Congress. One of the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, Judge Brandeis, is a Jew.

In the politics and jurisprudence of other countries, Jews have carried on with distinction. "The three greatest international lawyers of modern times—Jellinck of Germany, Leon-Caen of France, and Asser of Holland—are all Jews." Of the Jews who have come to this country from Russia, there are in New York City alone four hundred dentists, five hundred lawyers, five hun-

dred physicians, one thousand druggists, and seventy-five thousand skilled laborers. Among America's most eminent physicians must be named two Jews, the late Abraham Jacobi, of New York, and Jacob Solis Cohen, of Philadelphia.

In the arts and sciences, in philosophy and statesmanship, Jewish ability may, without hesitation, place its products beside those of Gentile genius. Mendelssohn and Wagner, two of the world's greatest composers, were Jews. Spinoza, one of the subtlest thinkers among philosophers, was a Jew. Henri Bergson, the extremely popular philosopher of intuition, is half Jew. So was Leon Gambetta, who did more than any other man to create the present French republic. Heinrich Heine, one of the world's foremost masters of literature, was a Jew.

For a hundred years, America has looked to the Jews for music, and to the Jews largely belongs the credit for introducing grand opera into this country. Perhaps the greatest of modern actresses, a woman who, for sixty years, filled the spacious stage with the glory of her interpretative genius, Sarah Bernhardt, is at least half Jewish.

Jews excel in all branches of education. Jewish parents make every sacrifice to educate their children, and the universities of the world are

crowded with Jewish students. Half of the students at Columbia University are Jews. And in all great institutions of learning there is a large representation of Jewish professors.

It was Dr. Zamenhof, a Russian Jew, who invented Esperanto, the modern universal language.

The kindergarten, as a system of leading the child mind through the first steps in education, was devised by Joseph Wertheimer, a Jew.

The practice of having trained nurses visit our public schools in the interest of the children's health—that beneficent departure in modern education—was started by a Jewish woman, Miss Lillian Wald.

In works of philanthopy, the Jews may well be proud of their achievements. In New York City alone they have nine hospitals, twelve homes for the aged, and fifteen orphan asylums. They have more than six hundred such institutions for the care of the needy and the suffering throughout the United States. The Mount Zion Hospital, at San Francisco, the only free non-sectarian hospital in California, is a Jewish institution. The principal hospital at Natal, during the South African war, was equipped by Mr. Moseley, a Jew. Jews have given millions of dollars to hospitals, schools and universities, and for the promotion of every high intellectual and moral purpose.

The following examples, selected from last year's lengthy list, will illustrate the nature and extent of Jewish philanthropy. Mrs. Minnie Freiberg Ransohoff, of Cincinnati, gave the University of Cincinnati $25,000 for a Chair in Surgical Anatomy. Louis B. Kuppenheimer, of Winnetka, Ill., gave his community $50,000 to improve school conditions. Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, contributed $50,000 to the Hoover Fund for the Starving Children of Eastern Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, donated $100,000 to charities.*

There is no drunkenness among the Jews, and the percentage of criminality is remarkably low among them. Forty years ago, Robert G. Ingersoll, one of America's greatest lawyers, said that Jews appeared in court, charged with serious crimes, less frequently than any other people. The same fact holds good to-day. It is very seldom that a Jewish woman is found among the unfortunate women of the street. No parents are kinder to their children than are the Jews. As to this particular, the following testimony is impressive. In the year 1912, Mr. G. R. Simms, an Englishman, wrote:

"In the official report of the N. S. P. C. C. for

* "American Jewish Year Book," Vol. 23, 1921.

last year, it is stated that 156,637 children were involved in the cases of cruelty, and of this terrible total 154,387 were related to the offenders. . . . . In spite of the vast hordes of Jewish aliens who pour into this country every year, a case of cruelty to children is hardly ever found in a Jewish home. So far as I have been able to ascertain, child torture seems to be a form of barbarity entirely confined to Christian people. What is the answer of our churches and our chapels to this indictment?'"*

The Jew has no reason to be ashamed, either of what his race is or of what it has done, and the world will not lose, but rather gain, as Jewish influence increasingly stamps its mark upon advancing civilization. For many centuries, the Jew has been frowned upon and persecuted by the Christian world, because Christians have ever believed that the ancestors of the Jews, two thousand years ago, crucified the Son of God. This idea has colored every phase of the Christian attitude towards the Jews. Forgetting that according to their religion, Christ had to die to save the world from everlasting pain, Christians cherished a hostility towards the Jews whose forefathers, as they thought, made it possible for them to enjoy the

* Quoted by Hypatia Bradlaugh Bonner in "Christianity and Conduct."

endless bliss of heaven. And down deep under Mr. Ford's anti-Jewish campaign and all other anti-Semitic propaganda, the embers of this absurd state of mind still burn with more or less vigor.

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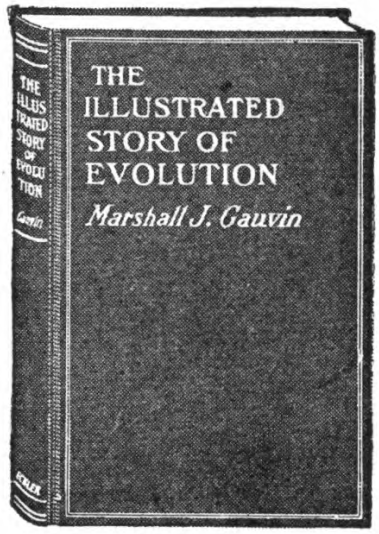

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